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LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITALS COMPLIANCE WITH SENATE BILL 1953 SEISMIC RETROFIT REQUIREMENTS

On January 18, 2007, the Rand Corporation released a study that outlined the varied degrees of compliance Statewide with Senate Bill 1953 requirements to seismically strengthen hospitals. The attached article summarizes their findings.

We have been managing the various projects to upgrade the County's six medical centers to assure full compliance with the incremental retrofit requirements of Senate Bill 1953. As you know, the first retrofit deadline was January 1, 2002, for various types of bracing and anchoring of equipment, and this was successfully completed at all six medical centers. The next retrofit deadline is January 1, 2008. This deadline can be extended by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development for an individual hospital until January 1, 2013, if certain criteria apply. Implementation of the requirements of the January 1, 2008, deadline is in various stages of progress at each hospital, and time extensions have been requested where appropriate. As described below, we either have complied or are on schedule to comply with the Senate Bill 1953 requirements at each hospital.

- High Desert Hospital – The hospital was converted to an outpatient facility and is no longer required to meet the standards of the Senate Bill.
- Harbor-UCLA Medical Center – Jurisdictional review of our seismic retrofit design with the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development is currently underway. A deadline extension has been requested to complete the remaining retrofit work from January 1, 2008, to January 1, 2013, and we are on schedule to meet this new deadline.

- LAC+USC Medical Center – Construction of the replacement hospital is scheduled to be completed this summer. Once the new hospital is operational, it will be fully compliant.
- Martin Luther King, Jr., Medical Center – Design documents were approved by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development in 2006. A deadline extension has been requested to complete the remaining retrofit work from January 1, 2008, to January 1, 2013.
- Olive View-UCLA Medical Center – The contractor for the remaining retrofit work has been selected and is scheduled to start early this year and finish by September 2008. In addition, a deadline extension has been requested from January 1, 2008, to January 1, 2013, because we will need to complete construction of the Emergency Services Replacement and Tuberculosis Unit project to be fully compliant.
- Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center – A consultant has been selected to design a replacement building for the various noncompliant buildings on the campus. A deadline extension has been requested from January 1, 2008, to January 1, 2013, in order to complete this replacement building.

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